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photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy LeMaster

Sean Kim Han, MCCS Aquatics manager, talks about trash issues affecting off-base residents. see story in next *Torii Teller*

Post office urges residents to use full ZIP code

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay
Torii Teller Staff

Many air station residents have been experiencing delays in their mail service, and the perpetrator for these delays may surprise them – that's because it's their own fault.

A recent study conducted by the Department of Defense found that military service and family members stationed in Iwakuni in general have not been using the last four digits of their nine digit zip codes.

"A large portion of the mail here doesn't have the last four zip code digits on it, so instead of machines putting the mail in sequence, those letters and packages without the last four digits are jumbled and have to be sorted by hand," said

Gunnery Sgt. John Watson, postal operations chief. "That takes time."

A lot of time.

"It takes properly posted mail five to seven days to reach us," said Pfc. Jacob Tucker, postal clerk. "If you don't have the extra four digits in your zip code it could cause a delay in receiving your mail."

"There are numerous other addresses similar to ours, but the last four digits of the zip code is unique to our base," said Tucker. "When you use the last four digits it comes straight to us and the chances of it being sent someplace else are eliminated."

An automated machine, called the Delivery Point Barcode System, now has the ability to read handwritten writing and put a bar code on the mail, according to Chief Warrant Officer Mark

Waverek, station postal officer.

"Every thing we provide is pretty much done through automation now," said Waverek.

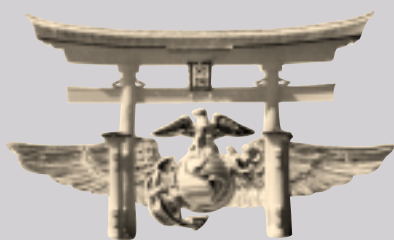
"We spend an average of four hours per night, 365 days a year here sorting mail that doesn't have the last four digits on it," said Waverek. "If you add it up, that's a lot of wasted manpower hours. It also takes longer for the customer to get their mail."

According to Watson, educating postal customers is the key to stopping the delays.

"Our mail clerks are now checking all outgoing mail for return addresses," said Watson. "If a return address doesn't have the last four digits, we will remind the customer of its importance."

"The bottom line is we want people to get their mail as fast as possible," said Waverek. "Just add the last four."

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What type of pedestrian are you?

by Gunnery Sgt. John Olmstead
Letter to the Editor

I know many people here don't have cars or motorcycles, but does that give them a right to make us who do suffer?

There are three basic types of pedestrians in my book. I class these "walkers," by the way they conduct themselves when they cross the street.

The first basic type are young children. I can't say enough to motorists to watch out! The other day I was driving back to my quarters and three children, who came out of nowhere ran in front of my vehicle. I slammed on the brakes just missing one of the youngsters. Who in the heck is teaching these kids to cross the road safely? Obviously no one!

Don't get me wrong here – kids will be kids, but don't you think they should know how to cross the road? Come on parents, do we need to hold a mandatory class on how to teach our children to cross the street?

The second pedestrian I like to refer to as the "foot dragger." These walkers seem to develop a bum leg as they cross the road in front of your vehicle, by dragging it behind them. Normally they walk care free out in the road, totally oblivious to oncoming traffic. If they were in a city in the states, they would be road kill.

The driver has to slow down or abruptly stop for them. The average foot dragger will give you a glance and then take their sweet time crossing

the road.

I have even seen them just stop in the middle of the road to have a conversation. I find this down right disrespectful. To stand there or take your sweet time to cross the street, knowing someone has stopped to let you pass is an insult. I wonder if I revved up my engine if they would move any faster, or they would think I was playing "chicken" with them. Guess who wins!

The last pedestrian is the neighborhood good guy. They normally wait at the cross walk for the right time to pass, when no traffic is coming, and cross. If a vehicle stops for them to cross, they give you a thank you wave and run across the street. I guess their parents taught them the right way.

The first two types of walkers are not pedestrians but rather careless "wanna be bug stains" on a vehicle grill. First off, they say pedestrians have the right of way, but give me a break. Does that mean they can just run around without worry of being hit? Does it mean you can just take your sweet time crossing the road?

These characters just make me mad. There is an unwritten etiquette out there for pedestrians and motorists. It is called respect for one another. A motorist should be driving within speed limits to stop for a careless child.

The second rule is courtesy. If a vehicle stops for a pedestrian, that person should show a sense of urgency to cross the street.

So all of you pedestrians out there, don't make motorists pay because you don't have a ride.

Memorial service

Sergeant Maj. James Young (USMC Retired) passed away early Tuesday morning. Young served as the Station Sergeant Major in 1969. He continued to serve the community, retiring earlier this year from his position as the manager of the Marine Corps Community Services book store.



courtesy photo

Sergeant Maj. James Young

A memorial service was held for him Thursday noon at Sou-un Kaikan funeral home.

Corps News

Panel recommends V-22 program restructure

by Division of Public Affairs

Headquarters United States Marine Corps

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS — An independent panel of experts has found that while the V-22 Osprey remains the best aircraft available for a wide variety of missions, time and money will be needed to fix its much-publicized problems.

During separate hearings held May 1 by two key congressional committees, panel members reaffirmed that tiltrotor technology is sound and that the Osprey's combination of speed, range and lift capacity is unmatched by any known alternatives.

"There are [no other aircraft] that will actually do the mission," said retired Marine Gen. John Dailey, chairman of the four-man panel that spent four months reviewing the entire V-22 program. "There are a combination of aircraft that could do parts of it. But there is no single aircraft that could meet the entire requirement."

Despite its faith in the technology, the panel - which included a retired Air Force general and two

Iwakuni combats flying nuisance

by Gunnery Sgt. John Olmstead
Press Chief

With the warmer weather comes an annoying, flying problem. However two sections aboard the station have been taking active measures to combat it.

"The Iwakuni area has a problem with mosquitoes," said Builder Chief Mark Bierschenk, Facilities maintenance chief. "It's unique because the farmers off-base grow their crops in water. Mosquitoes use the water to hatch their larvae."

Many housing areas, especially those on the Monzen Housing area, have a problem with insects.

"They are everywhere," said Jacquelyn Pulido, a Monzen Hous-

ing resident. "I burn citronella candles (insect repellent candle) outside and they seem to work for us."

To assist residents in controlling the mosquito population, the Preventive Medicine Division does periodic surveillance on the number of mosquitoes in an area.

"We have mosquito traps placed out at the Monzen Housing areas," said Navy Lt. Timothy Meyer, Branch Medical Clinic Public Affairs representative. "We check them weekly, and when we get 10 or more females in the traps, we call Pest Control."

The equipment used for killing adult mosquitoes is called Ultra-low Volume spray. This equipment is designed to emit small particles of insecticide to provide good coverage

by creating a cloud or fog.

The trucks and sprayer are geared so the chemical will dispense at the correct rate, no matter the speed in which the truck is traveling. The chemicals kill adult mosquitoes on contact.

"Although insecticides are not 100 percent safe, they have minimal risk to humans and the environment," said Meyer. "If people become light headed or dizzy after the spraying they are recommended to go to the Branch Medical Clinic for treatment."

According to Preventive Medicine Division, the insecticide has a residence time of 24 hours. That means that after 24-hours the insecticide will disburse. However, spraying an area does not prevent mos-

quitoes from reentering the area.

"The best time to kill mosquitoes is at dusk and dawn, when they are most active or looking for food, which is blood," said Bierschenk. "It would be best to avoid walking or sitting outdoors during these times due to the heightened activity of mosquitoes and other biting insects."

Residents and their pets should stay indoors during the application. Windows should be shut and air-conditioners should be turned off when spraying is taking place. Additionally, windows should be closed for two or three hours after spraying, said Meyer.

Residents can report high numbers of mosquitoes to the Preventive Medicine Division by calling 253-3419.

Iwakuni gasoline prices remain the same

by Doriann Geller
MCCS Public Affairs Specialist

Unlike the May 10 price adjustment policy directed at other exchange outlets throughout Japan, gasoline prices at the Marine Corps Community Services Gas Station aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni are expected to remain the same until Oct. 1.

"The Marine Corps Exchange is not part of AAFES, and therefore the pricing strategy em-

ployed by AAFES overseas does not affect our gas prices," said Mr. Chris Bennett, MCCS Acting Director. "Unless our cost increases, we will not be increasing the price of our gasoline."

"We do not foresee any adjustment in prices until October when the contract is renegotiated," said Stuart Montalvo, Business Operations Director.

Gas prices here were raised to the current \$1.62 per gallon at the yearly contract review in October 2000. Prices will be reviewed and, if warranted, adjusted accordingly in October 2001.

News Briefs

Consulate Brief

The immigration visa chief of the American Embassy in Tokyo will provide a brief to air station residents on Wednesday. The brief will consist of immigrant visa, passport, naturalization and other issues. Those who would like to attend this brief should sign up with the SJA office by calling Sgt. Martin at 253-5591 or Junko Sakamoto at 253-5594.

Drop Box

Torii Video has installed a drop box at the Auto Mini Mart on Northside. The last pick-up is daily at 8:45 p.m., after which a late fee will be assessed.

Post Office Closure

The post office will be closed on May 26-28, in observance of Memorial day. Business will resume on May 29.

Commissary Closed

The commissary will be closed on May 28, Memorial Day, and also on May 29. Business will resume on May 30. For more information call the commissary at 253-5586.

Appointments

Medical and Dental guidelines require that residents with appointments arrive 15 minutes early to complete necessary paperwork.



photo by Sgt. Bryan Reed

"Is Your Mama a Llama?"

Kindergartners from Matthew C. Perry Elementary School performed a special play dedicated to all the Mother's aboard the air station May 11. The play, "Is Your Mama a Llama?" is based on a popular children's book written by Deborah Guarino and illustrated by Steven Kellogg. The story is about a young llama who loses his Mom in the forest and tries to find her by asking all the other animals in the forest questions.

Summer season slithers in

compiled by
Torii Teller Staff

As warmer weather approaches, many air station residents will spend more time enjoying the outdoors.

Whether camping at a recreational site, hiking a mountain trail or even mowing the grass in the back yard, a word of caution may be needed for the danger of snakes.

There are two different kinds of poisonous snakes in mainland Japan: the mamushi and the yamakagashi.

Both snakes are brown with dark patterns on their backs. When angry, they raise their heads and move into an "S" shape.



mamushi

This defensive posture is meant to intimidate their enemy, and allow them to strike.

Both snakes live in bushes, forests, the edges between rice fields, around mountain streams and most other places people are active.

Despite the snake's strong poison, the chances of dying from a bite are low. The mamushi's small size, 16 to 30 inches, and its short 13-inch striking distance make it less harmful.

In contrast to the mamushi, the yamakagashi is large, ranging in size from 23 to 47 inches. Its venom, which is sometimes sprayed before attacking, can cause blindness.

However, because the yamakagashi's fangs are in the back of its mouth, it must achieve a deep bite to poison a person. If deep enough, the bite can be fatal.

Generally, snakes are mild mannered reptiles that prefer hiding rather than fighting. If left



yamakagashi

alone, they will not attack. They don't have fangs to attack people — they have fangs for hunting and defending themselves against their natural enemies.

Following a few simple procedures can greatly increase chances for survival for anyone bitten by either snake, said Navy Lt. Timothy Meyer, Public Affairs representative at the Branch Medical Clinic.

"Do not cut the wound or attempt to suck venom out of it," he said. "Do not apply a tourniquet. This can concentrate the venom and the potential damage, and do not give the victim anything to eat or drink."

If bitten you should seek medical attention immediately by calling the Branch Medical Clinic at 253-5572 or 0827-21-4171, extension 253-5572 from off base.

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civilian experts in aerodynamics and aircraft engineering - were quick to point out that additional testing and perhaps even design modifications are needed to address concerns over the aircraft's safety, reliability and maintainability.

"This is an aircraft that in terms of reliability and maintainability is not ready for operational use or production," said Norman Augustine, one of the panel members.

The panel recommended cutting production in the short term to free up funds that could be used to make necessary changes, then boosting the production rate later to meet overall cost and scheduling objectives.

Panel members estimated that implementation of the fixes could take from one to two years, likely delaying the fielding of the aircraft.

General James Jones, commandant of the Marine Corps, agreed that "more work needs to be done"

and said that the program's "new direction should be event-driven vice timeline-driven in order to ensure that the necessary remedies are fully implemented one step at a time."

Committee members in both chambers expressed concern about the aircraft's safety and the adequacy of the testing process, but did not object to the panel's recommendations.

Two Osprey crashes last year, which claimed the lives of 23 Marines, cast serious doubts on the aircraft's future. The second accident, which occurred Dec. 11 in North Carolina, prompted the Commandant to ask for an independent review of the V-22 program.

Among its most significant recommendations, the panel urged program officials to "investigate the feasibility of a nacelle redesign" to allow easier inspection of key aircraft components, including hydraulic lines.

The two nacelles, one on the end

of each wing, house the Osprey's engines and hold and tilt the rotors.

A ruptured hydraulic line was found to be partially at fault in the Dec. 11 mishap.

Additionally, the panel recommended that the aircraft's flight control computer software be thoroughly re-tested. It was a software flaw that in part caused the aircraft that crashed in December to lose control.

The panel also called for additional testing into vortex ring state, a phenomenon that can cause a rotary-wing aircraft to stall if it descends too fast.

An investigation into the April 8, 2000, accident in Marana, Ariz., found that a combination of human factors caused the mishap aircraft to enter vortex ring state.

When asked to chair the panel, Dailey, former assistant commandant, warned Gen. Jones that if the review revealed that the V-22 ought to be scrapped, he wouldn't hesitate to recommend just that.

"That's exactly what I want you to do," Dailey recalls Jones saying.

Jones said he had been fully prepared to "walk away" from the V-22 if the panel found the Osprey to be unsuitable, unsafe or operationally too fragile for the Corps.

"We love our people, not our machines," Jones said. "But we use our machines in order that we might safely prevail in our important and frequently dangerous missions. It is therefore of paramount importance that we should never be reluctant to simply do what is right."

Asked whether Marine Corps leaders had tried to rush the Osprey into full-rate production before it was ready, Jones said he was confident that safety was never deliberately sacrificed in favor of expediency.

"I would draw the line that we would either knowingly or intentionally or recklessly accelerate the development of a program, thereby placing passengers at risk or crews at risk," Jones said.

Also speaking before the congressional committees were two members of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron 204 - a pilot and a crew chief - both of whom denied that they were pressured to cut corners. Each said their unit was eager to get back to work.

"We have a squadron of Marines and airmen down at 204 that are committed to showing the nation basically that this is a viable asset, that we need the V-22," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Fowler, an Osprey crew chief.

An investigation into allegations that the commanding officer of VMMT-204 had asked his Marines to falsify aircraft readiness data is due to be completed within a few weeks. While the final results are pending, Defense Department investigators have concluded that the alleged wrongdoing had nothing to do with the recent mishaps.

The Marine Corps considers the Osprey vital to its ability to operate in future military operations and is planning to acquire 360 of the aircraft to replace its fleet of aging, Vietnam-era CH-46E Sea Knights.



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The V-22 Osprey remains the best aircraft available for a wide variety of missions.

Crash, Fire and Rescue teams battle fuel spills, using live pit fires, as part of a realistic training environment. This type of training benefits the Marines by building their confidence and teamwork.

Don't get burned

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay
Torii Teller Staff

Fires ravaged four homes in family housing units throughout the Marine Corps in the first three months of 2001, and though there have been no injuries or fatalities as a result of the blazes, the fires have raised concerns about fire safety.

The main causes of fires in family housing are improper storage of flammable materials, unattended cooking, improper disposal of cigarettes, overloaded electrical circuits and a failure to supervise lighted candles, according to a memo released by Col. Roger Farmer, Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Base, Camp Butler.

"Though there haven't been any serious fires in Iwakuni, every one here needs to be aware of fire prevention and safety," said Sally Gilmour, Housing manager, Family Housing. "Most fires here have been small and are related to cooking."

To prevent stove fires, the Self Help Center is giving away free "Kitchen Queen" canisters which are heat activated and put out stove fires by a self-activating mechanism.

"We strongly encourage residents to stop by the Self Help Center, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to pick up the free canisters," said Gilmour. "Preventing fires is an issue that affects all residents safety, including our children."

According to Farmer, the following list provides good tips for improving home fire safety.

☒ Prevent careless use of smoking materials. Always use a large deep ashtray when smoking and put water on butts before discarding them. Never smoke in bed or when drowsy.

☒ Teach children that matches and lighters are tools, not toys. Keep matches and lighters out of sight and reach of children, preferably in locked cabinets. If children find matches or lighters, they should tell an adult immediately.

☒ Check for electrical hazards. If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Don't overload extension cords or power strips and avoid running cords under rugs or carpets. Replace any worn or cracked cords.

☒ Heat your home safely. Have your furnace and fireplace cleaned and inspected every year. Dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal container and store them outside the home. Keep clothing, trash and combustible materials at least three feet away from your furnace or water heater.

☒ Practice safe cooking habits. Keep pot handles away from the edge of the stove so the pots can't be knocked over. Never leave cooking unattended and always wear close fitting clothing while cooking. Don't put foil or other metals in a microwave oven. In case of fire a grease fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan and turn off the burner. In case of an oven fire, close the oven door and turn off the oven. Never use an outdoor cooking grill inside your home.

☒ Handle flammable liquids



photos by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare

As part of their annual training, the Yamaguchi Prefecture Fire Academy performs search and rescue missions at the MCAS Iwakuni fire-training tower. The tower is the only structure within the Yamaguchi and Hiroshima Prefectures authorized for this type of live-fire training.

carefully. Keep gasoline and other flammable liquids in approved safety cans and never store inside your home. Don't smoke while working with flammable liquids.

☒ Use care with candles. If you use candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave an area with the candles burning.

☒ Make sure your smoke detectors are working. Test and clean your smoke detectors weekly. If you have battery operated detectors, replace the batteries at least once a year.

☒ Plan and practice an escape. Plan two ways out of every room in your home and select a meeting place outside your home where everyone will gather in case of a fire.

☒ Make the right call. After escaping from a house fire, call the fire department from a neighbor's house. Never go back inside your home after escaping. Make sure everyone memorizes the emergency number for the fire department.

☒ Crawl low in smoke. If you encounter smoke, crawl on your hands and knees to the nearest exit. The air at the floor level will be cleaner and cooler.

☒ Stop, drop and roll. If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Immediately drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands and roll over and over to smother the flames.

For more information on fire safety, contact the air station Fire Department at 253-3290 or Family Housing at 253-5541.

Out



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Iwakuni Castle sits atop Shiro Yama (castle mountain) overlooking Kintai Bridge and Kikko Park. The castle is one of many tourist attractions visited by service members and their families stationed here.

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eller Staff

For many service members here living in a foreign country, hundreds of miles from their homes and families, can be difficult, but Japan can offer fun, excitement and a

me of great memories for those who venture outside of the gate.

Besides being only one space-available flight from exotic locations like Australia or Korea, Iwakuni is centrally located for a variety of activities throughout the year.

Nearby cultural and recreational opportunities abound.

There are many shops and restaurants a short walk or bus ride away in downtown Iwakuni.

People in search of

Japanese culture need only take the Kintai Bridge or the Iwakuni

Hiroshima is about an hour by train and offers a wide assortment of entertainment, including museums and a shopping district.

There are also amusement parks like Space World and Chichiyasu Park within driving distance of the air station.

People wanting to get away for the weekend may want to check out one of the many local camping areas which offer swimming, canoeing and kayaking. Mominoki Shinrin Koen, is one park that has several activities for campers, scuba divers and others seeking outdoor fun.

While these places are certainly stepping-off points for those interested in exploring Japan, people can find out about many others by talking to service members and



photo by Sachiko Misaka

The Kintai Bridge, originally built in 1673, is one of the major sightseeing attractions in Japan.

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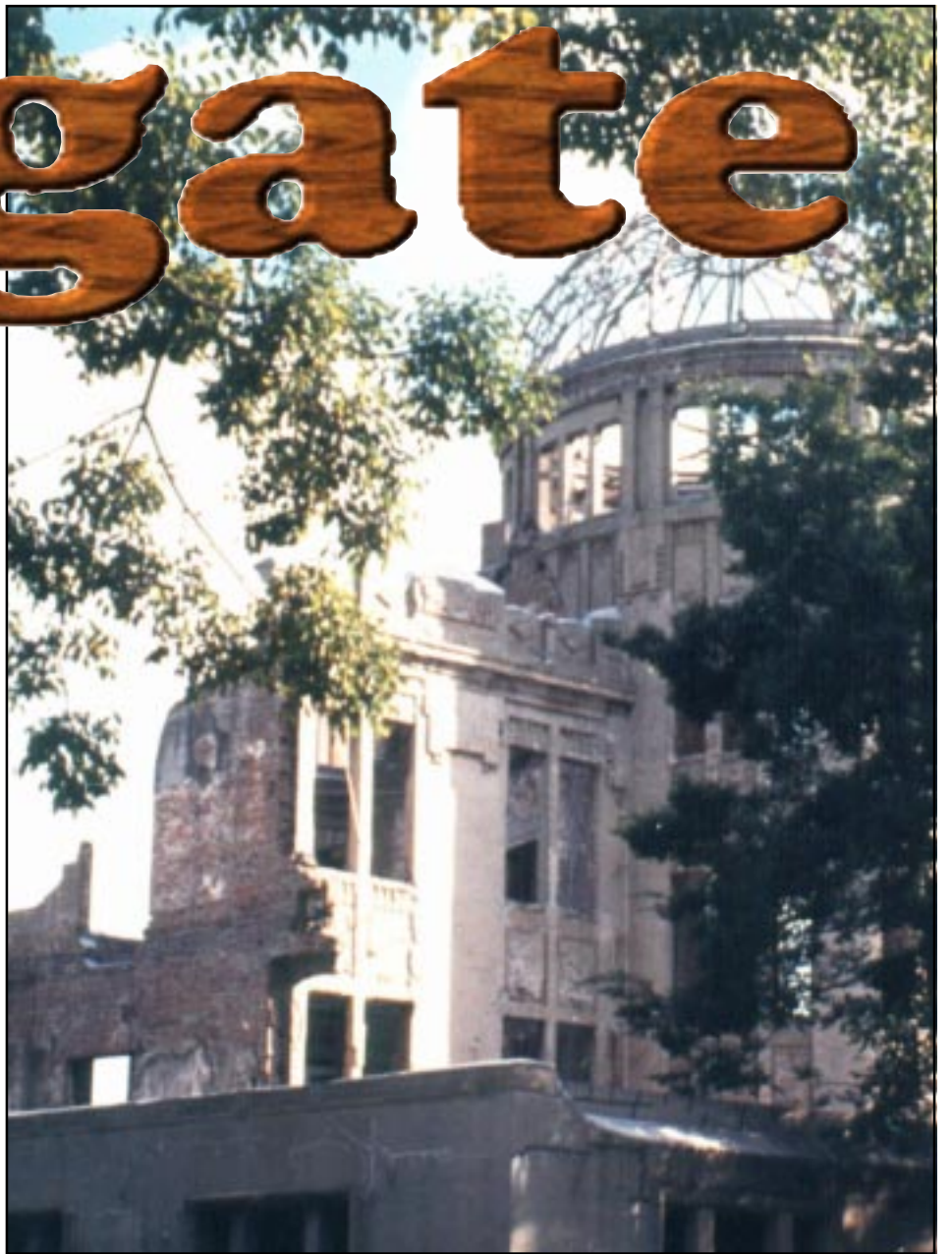
family members who have been here a
while. Other good sources of information are
Japanese co-workers or the Information, Tour and
Travel Office.

It may take a little time and effort but the
results may be worth it. They could lead to some
wonderful memories and good times in the land of
the Rising Sun.



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Visitors from all over the world come to Miyajima, in July, for the
firework displays.



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*The Atomic Bomb Dome in Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima, was the
chamber of commerce and industry office building before the bombing of
Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.*



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

*A Kagura dancer, portraying a demon, acts out a story using a traditional Japanese dance during the Miyajima Oyster
Festival. Thousands gathered on the island to enjoy the fresh oysters and wide variety of entertainment.*

Japanese dance deeply rooted in tradition

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay
Torii Teller Staff

Japan is a country deeply rooted in tradition, and this fact is perhaps nowhere more evident than in Japanese dance.

Though there are many styles of traditional Japanese dance, Nihon-buyo, born during the Edo period (1603-1868), is arguably the most popular. Nihon-buyo literally means classical Japanese dance, and the name is fitting.

"This style of dance relies on flowing rhythm and timing," said Mariko Okawa, former Nihon-buyo dancer. "Use of a fan during the dance is one of its most distinguished characteristics."

Dancers perform at a happyo-kai, or recital, and are accompanied by shamisen, koto, and other on-stage musicians and singers.

"Though the dancer is of course the focal point, it takes a lot of others to put on a show," said Okawa. "There are people who hand the fans back and forth, people who are responsible for fixing the kimonos, make-up artists and a variety of other responsibilities, not to mention all of the musicians."

In addition to the fans, or sensu, and elaborate kimonos, Nihon-buyo is characterized by lower back movement and movements performed with a low center of gravity.

"These movements are very difficult and can take years to perfect," said Okawa. "Dancers

must be dedicated to become good."

According to Okawa, Nihon-buyo is used as a vehicle to display emotion.

"Nihon-buyo has a true flowing and hypnotic feel to it," said Okawa. "The dance can really grip not only the dancer, but also the audience."

At least one service member agreed.

"I recently got a chance to attend a Nihon-buyo dance," said Sgt. Bryan Reed, Combat Visual Information Center combat photographer. "It was very interesting. The dance was so peaceful, and I felt a sense of history, a sort of timelessness surrounding the dance. It was mesmerizing."

According to Reed, the dance gave him a true appreciation of Japanese culture.

"When I first came to Japan, I had a pre-conceived notion of a country that solely looked back to its warrior culture and samurai traditions," said Reed. "Now I realize the focus is much more on art forms such as music and dance. Nihon-buyo helped teach me that."

Okawa didn't seem surprised when told of Reed's comments.

"Nihon-buyo has all kinds of affects on all kinds of people," said Okawa. "One must attend a recital to discover the emotional power of the dance."



photo by Sgt. Bryan Reed

ABOVE: *The fan, or sensu, is one of the most distinguishing characteristics of Nihon-buyo, a traditional style of Japanese dance. The fan is used to help a dancer convey a variety of emotions throughout a performance.*

LEFT: *Elaborate kimonos and rhythmical movements are a mainstay of Nihon-buyo. The style of dance is characterized by lower back movements performed with a low center of gravity.*



photo by Cpl. Joe Lindsay

Out the gate

Note: *Japanese who do not speak English may answer the phone numbers provided.*

Fukuyama Rose Festival

Fukuyama City will hold a rose festival on Saturday and Sunday at Bara Park and Midori-Machi Park in Fukuyama City. A flea market, rose contest, and rose parade are planned. For more information call 0849-28-1043.

Cruise Around Miyajima

Miyajima Tourist Association will offer a two-hour cruise tour around Miyajima on May 28. Tour participants should meet in front of Miyajima

Pier at 10:30 a.m. The fee, which includes a meal, costs 2,500 yen for adults and 1,500 yen for children. Reservations are required. Fees need to be paid in advance at a Japanese post office. Call 0829-44-2011.

Kinoshita Circus

A circus show by Kinoshita Circus, one of the three biggest circus group in the world, will be held until June 11 at Shoko Center in Hiroshima. There is a fee involved. There is no show on Thursdays. For more information call 082-279-0333 or 253-6165.

Tomonoura Benten-jima Fireworks

Approximately 1,000 fireworks will light up the sky above the Seto Inland Sea on May 26 at

Tomonoura, Fukuyama City. For more information call 0849-28-1043.

World Music Festival

"The World Festival of Sacred Music Hiroshima 2001" will take place at Itsukushima Shrine, on Miyajima, on June 1-3. Approximately 200 musicians from all over the world will perform their music. For more information call 082-544-1711 or visit www.wfsm-jp.org. Both English and Japanese formats are available on this website.



Classified Ads

Vehicles for sale

—1985 Nissan Vanette, road tax paid, runs better than it looks, JCI till November 2002, \$800. Call SFC David Disselhorst at 253-4622 dwh or 31-8428 awh.

—1986 Toyota Soarer, 2-door sedan, loaded w/extras, road tax paid, JCI till October 2001, \$800/obo. Call John Kinley at 253-3525 dwh or 31-8435 awh.

—1986 Toyota Town Ace, available September, JCI till August 2002, \$1,000. Call A. Walls at 253-2637.

—1987 Toyota Town Ace, sunroof, front/rear A/C, 8-seat, JCI till April 2002, \$1,500/obo. Call Sylvia at 253-3213 dwh or 253-3247 awh.

—1987 Toyota Town Ace, JCI till December 2002, \$1,000. Call Gunnery Sgt. Foster at 253-6984 dwh or 253-2051 awh.

—1988 Toyota Town Ace, 7-pass van, 4WD, JCI till October 2002, \$1,500. Call Toni Teeple at 253-2599 awh.

—1988 Toyota Camry, upgraded sound system, PW/PDL, JCI till August 2001, \$800/obo. Call Sylvia at 253-3213 dwh or 253-3247 awh.

—1988 Daihatsu, 2-door hatchback, JCI till December 2002, \$650/obo. Call 253-2021.

—1988 Toyota HiLux Surf, 4WD, A/C, PS/PB/PW/PDL, six disc CD changer, JCI till July 2001, \$1,500/obo. Call Sgt. Brons at 253-5224 awh or 090-8068-3243.

—1988 Honda Civic, JCI till May 2003, \$1,500. Call Deborah at 253-2078.

—1988 Toyota Corolla, 4-speed, A/C, recent tune-up, JCI till December 2001, \$1,000/obo. Call Master Gunnery Sgt. Pulido at 253-3006 dwh or 253-2204 awh.

—1989 Honda Concerta, 4-door hatchback, JCI till September 2001, \$500/obo. Call Gunnery Sgt. Foster at 253-6984 dwh or 253-2051 awh.

—1989 Toyota Chaser, low kilometers, JCI till January 2002, \$1,200/obo. Call Sean Kimhan at 253-4966 dwh or 31-8424 awh.

—1989 Nissan Largo, van, JCI till June 2002, \$1,500. Call Patty Murphy at 253-2323.

—1989 Honda Civic, 2-door, AM/FM cassette, JCI till December 2002, \$1,500. Call Patty Murphy at 253-2323.

—1990 Honda Civic, 4-door sedan, JCI till July 2001, \$500/obo. Call CPO Ramos at 253-5941 dwh or 253-2319 awh.

—1990 Daihatsu, white, mini van, must sell, JCI till July 2001, \$200. Call Deborah at 253-2078.

—1991 Nissan Presea Ct.II, A/C, heat, auto, 4-door, AM/FM cassette, JCI till August 2002, \$2,000. Call Master Sgt. Thompson at 253-5995 dwh or 253-2905 awh.

—1991 Toyota LiteAce, A/C, 8-seat, two new tires, JCI till September 2002, \$2,000/obo. Call Master Gunnery Sgt. Pulido at 253-3006 dwh or 253-2204 awh.

—1991 Nissan Silvia, black, AM/FM cassette, A/C, auto, new tires and brake, JCI till December 2002, \$1,800. Call Staff Sgt. Boosinger at 253-6234 dwh or 253-2140 awh.

—1992 Suzuki Cultass, 2-door hatchback, 5-speed, A/C, CD player, JCI till October 01, \$525. Call Colin at 253-4185 dwh or 253-2324 awh.

—1992 Mazda Bongo, low kilometers, JCI till May 2002, \$2,800/obo. Call Sean Kimhan at 253-4966 dwh or 31-8424 awh.

—1992 Honda Integra, 2-door, red, sporty, JCI till September 2001, \$2,000. Call Maj. Teeple at 253-5258 dwh or 253-2599 awh.

—1993 Mazda Familia, JCI till May 2002, \$1,300. Call

Lt. Col. Alexander at 34-3237 awh.

—1993 Mazda, sedan, blue, 4-door, V-6 engine, power everything, 20,000 miles, JCI till September 2002, \$3,000. Call Lt. Cross at 253-2143.

—1995 Honda Shuttle, 16 valves wagon, 4-doors, new tires and battery, CD player, low miles, JCI till February 2003, \$3,000/obo. Call Peter at 253-3399.

Motorcycle for sale

—1997 Honda, American classic motorcycle, low kilometers, JCI till March 2002, \$3,000/obo. Call Sean Kimhan at 253-4966 dwh or 31-8424 awh.

—1996 Harley Fatboy, JCI till May 2001, \$14,000. Call Lt. Col. Alexander at 34-3237 awh.

Other items for sale

—Japanese washer, \$75; kerosene heater, \$15; gas two-burner stove, \$50. Call Nicole Pulide at 253-4121 dwh or 253-2204 awh.

—Kenmore washer/dryer, available June 1, \$175 for pair. Call Silvia at 253-3213 dwh or 253-3247 awh.

—PII 300MHz computer, 4.04GB HD, 64MB SD-RAM, 44xCD-ROM, 17" monitor, \$350; 1986 Kawasaki Jet ski JS550, not running, make offer. Call Sgt. Brons at 253-5224 awh or 090-8068-3243.

—Sofa, \$40; four unfinished breakfast nook chairs, 36" high; Pokemon cards, \$3/each, \$10 for four; Beanie Baby bears. Call Annette at 253-2684.

—Book set by Heisig: Remembering the Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji, \$35; Japanese for Busy People, Revised Edition Volume I, \$12; learning Japanese CD-Rom multimedia, \$20. Carpets: 9x12, gray, \$50; 9x12 beige, \$50; 12x15 beige, \$70. Kerosene heaters, \$75 each; IKEA cotton curtains for sliding glass doors, \$10/set; Japanese garden hose and nozzle, \$5. Call Lt. Col. Alexander at 34-3237 awh.

—Weight set w/bench, \$20. Call AD1(AW) Wassmer at 253-4619 dwh or 253-7265 awh.

—Girl's tricycle, \$10; Little Tykes gym, \$25; toddler bed, \$25; two umbrellas for strollers, navy blue, \$3 each; punch bowl, w/clips, \$15; two bathroom shelves, \$40 each; custom-made window treatments: 72" white sun-blocking shade, \$15; three 72-inch valances w/rods, one mauve, one pastel print, one green/blue gundy print, \$20 each; mauve drapes for the sliding glass doors, \$30. Call Yuri Pross at 253-2882.

—Black leather motorcycle jacket, size 44R, \$75/obo. Call Ray Gambol at 253-6902 dwh or 253-2189 awh.

—Woman's 10-speed Schwinn bike, \$50. Call Maj. Canada at 253-6201 dwh or 253-2504 awh.

—Queen sleeper sofa, \$300. Call Slivia Hudson at 253-2743.

—Patio set, includes four chairs, round glass top table, and umbrella w/stand, \$225/obo; ceiling fan, \$90/obo; two air purifiers, \$30 each/obo; babyswing, battery operated, \$30/obo; five point harness car seat, \$80/obo. Call Edwards Denion at 253-5589 dwh or 253-5689.

—Japanese electric radiator-type heater, asking \$50. Call A.M. Politi at 253-4118 dwh or 31-8420 awh.

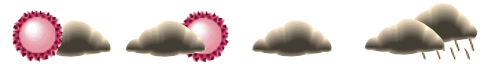
Wanted

—Baby items for newborn expected next month, cribs, camiager, toys, etc. Call Lt. Cross at 253-2143.

—Family-size van, Toyota, Nissan or Mitsubishi, 1990 or newer, auto, w/two-year JCI, w/sky lite floor, AM/FM cassette/CD player, A/C, heater, PW/PD. Call AD1(AW) Wassmer at 253-4619 dwh or 253-7265 awh.

Weekend's Weather

Today Saturday Sunday Monday



Tide Table

	Low tide		High tide	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
May 18	12:51 p.m.	3.92	6:30 a.m.	8.82
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May 19	12:51 a.m.	3.80	7:12 a.m.	9.24
	1:21 p.m.	2.96	7:36 p.m.	8.92
May 20	1:33 a.m.	3.34	7:42 a.m.	9.61
	1:57 p.m.	2.03	8:18 p.m.	9.78
May 21	2:15 a.m.	2.99	8:17 a.m.	9.87
	2:32 p.m.	1.18	8:53 p.m.	10.53
May 22	2:50 a.m.	2.79	8:53 a.m.	10.03
	3:02 p.m.	0.47	9:29 p.m.	11.13
May 23	3:32 a.m.	2.76	9:29 a.m.	10.06
	3:38 p.m.	-0.03	10:11 p.m.	11.53
May 24	4:14 a.m.	2.89	10:05 a.m.	9.97
	4:20 p.m.	-0.30	10:53 p.m.	11.69



Movie Schedule

Friday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Dinosaur (PG)
1 p.m./9 p.m. Biloxi Blues (PG-13)
11 p.m. Child's Play (R)

Saturday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Rocky II (PG)
1 p.m./9 p.m. Green Card (PG-13)
11 p.m. Hi-Lo Country (R)

Sunday

10 a.m./7 p.m. The Little Vampire (PG)
1 p.m./9 p.m. Meet The Parents (PG-13)
11 p.m. The Blair Witch 2 (R)

Monday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Star Wars: Episode 1 (PG)
1 p.m./9 p.m. Red Planet (PG-13)
11 p.m. Final Destination (R)

Tuesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Stuart Little (PG)
1 p.m./9 p.m. The Nutty Professor 2 (PG-13)
11 p.m. The Breakfast Club (R)

Wednesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Road To El Dorado (PG)
1 p.m./9 p.m. The Odd Couple 2 (PG-13)
11 p.m. The Boat (R)

Thursday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Driving Miss Daisy (PG)
1 p.m./9 p.m. City Of Angels (PG-13)
11 p.m. Free Money (R)

Sakura Theater

Friday

7 p.m. Driven
10 p.m. Heartbreakers

Saturday

4 p.m. Driven
7 p.m. Heartbreakers
10 p.m. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Sunday

4 p.m. Driven
7 p.m. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Monday

7 p.m. Heartbreakers

Tuesday

7 p.m. Driven

Wednesday

7 p.m. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Thursday

Closed

Driven (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for language and some intense crash sequences. (109 minutes)

Talented but unfocused rookie Jimmy Bly is slipping in the rankings, cracking under pressure from his promoter brother. A seasoned car owner Carl Henry seeks help from former racing star Joe Tanto, whose career spun out after a tragic accident. But to steer Bly to the top, Tanto must navigate his scarred emotional past.

Heartbreakers (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for sex-related content including dialogue. (123 minutes)

"Heartbreakers" follows Max (Sigourney Weaver) and Page (Jennifer Love Hewitt), a mother and daughter who are expert grifters, through one after another of their perfectly executed scams. Max gets wealthy men to fall in love with her and marry her, then Page seduces them, setting up grounds for Max to divorce them and cash out.

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for martial arts violence and some sexuality. (120 minutes)

Li Mu Bai (Chow Yun Fat) is a legendary martial artist who has decided to pass on his sword, the Green Destiny, to a friend. Soon afterwards, the sword is stolen by a masked female, setting in motion events that test the bonds of family, love, duty, and sisterhood.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. Comments can be directed to MCCS at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai:

May 18-25

"The Whole Nine Yards" - 1:05 p.m.,
5:05 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:05 p.m.
"The Familyman" - 2:50 p.m.,
6:50 p.m., (Sat. only) 10:50 p.m.

New Central I:

May 19 - end of May

"Enemy at the Gate" - Time scheduled
not available at time of print

New Central II:

May 18 - end of May

"Dancer In The Dark" -

Time Scheduled not available
at time of print

New Central III:

May 18-25

"The Mexican" - Time scheduled
not available at time of print

"Hannibal" - Time scheduled not
available at time of print

Education



Test Schedule

Tuesdays/

- Fridays** - College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

(Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. each day.)

- May 23** - ACT Examination

- May 21** - Electronic Data Processing Test

- May 24** - Scholastic Assessment Tests

- May 30** - Defense Language Aptitude Battery
- Defense Language Proficiency Test

- May 31** - Armed Forces Classification Test

There is no fee for military personnel; civilians pay the following: CLEP \$46, DANTES \$27, ACT \$38 and SAT \$39, GED \$63. Test must be paid by check or money order. Call 253-3855 or stop by the Community Services Building, Room 101.

UMUC Registration

University of Maryland Term V registration will open Monday through June 1 in Building 411, Room. 109. Term V begins June 4 and ends July 28. Call 253-3494.

Community



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held on Sunday at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. A closed meeting is held each Monday at 11:30 a.m. All meetings are held in Room 103 at Building 1104. For more information call 31-8428.

Medical Clinic Health Promotions

Tobacco Cessation Courses will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on May 23, 25, 30, June 1, and June 20, 22, 27, 29. People must attend all four sessions. Cholesterol, nutrition and hypertension counseling will also be offered on an individual basis by calling 253-3266.

Enlisted Spouses Meeting

The next Enlisted Spouses meeting will be held on June 6 at 7 p.m. in Building 1388. Topics for this meeting will be upcoming events, future projects and fund raisers. This meeting is open to all enlisted spouses. Colonel David Darrah will be the guest speaker. Call Kathy Segui at 253-2261.

Specialists visit BMC

During the week of May 21-25, the following medial specialists will be visiting the Branch Medical Clinic: Orthopedics, Opthamology, and Ears, Nose, and Throat. If you desire an appointment with one of these specialists call your primary care manager at 253-3374/3379.

Baby Playgroup

Baby Playgroup is offered every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. for parents and their babies from birth to 12 months old. The playgroup is held in

Building 553, Room 339. Different topics and discussions are presented each week. For more information call 253-4562.

DRMO Local Sealed Bid

The next local sealed bid sale for DRMO will be on Thursday. The property can and should be inspected at DRMO from Monday to Wednesday. Bid must be received by 8 a.m. on Thursday. For more information call 253-3982/3703/4089.

Fil-Am Association Ticket Sale

Tickets for the Filipino-American Association's Pista Ca Nayon (Town Fiesta) Dinner Buffet on June 9 at Club Iwakuni Ballroom are available. Tickets cost \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members and \$10 for children. Attendees should wear semi-formal attire. Call Tess Ramos at 253-5941, Linda Tolentino at 090-8068-4417, Catherine Taino at 253-5255.

Latin Dance/Picnic

Latinos Unidos is hosting a picnic at Penny Lake on May 26, providing free hamburgers, chicken and refreshments to all. DJ "Quepasa" will be there from noon to 3 p.m.

They are also hosting a dance on May 26 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Club Iwakuni with "Quepasa," ladies half price to 10 p.m. Free merengue lessons will be held from 9 to 10 p.m.

Latinos Unidos is seeking a vice-president and or anyone who is willing to help our MCAS community. Call Gunnery Sgt. Arrieta at 253-2150.

Sure Start Program

Sure Start Program at M.C. Perry Elementary School is a no-cost, preschool program, for children who will be 4 years of age by Oct. 31. It is available for E-1s through E-5s. This is a full-day (6-hour) program. Applications for the 2001-2002 school year can be picked up at the front office of the elementary school. Call 253-4383.

Civilian Human Resources Office

Local Employment Orientation

Civilian Human Resources Office provides the monthly briefing for Iwakuni local job seekers on June 5, from 9-10 a.m. at Community Services Building, Room 216 and 217. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

RESUMIX Training

A new application process started at Iwakuni on March 1. The RESUMIX is used by the Navy to fill merit promotion civilian job vacancies for GS-15 and below, and Wage Grade positions. The CHRO will provide valuable information on RESUMIX on June 5, Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Community Services Building, Room 216 and 217. Sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

HRO Formal Training Opportunities

The station CHRO will present Problem Solving training today at Building 1104, Yujo Hall. For more information call 253-3455

Placement Program Brief

Civilian Human Resources Office will provide

Outbound Family Member Priority Placement Program Brief on Tuesday, from 9-11 a.m. at Community Services Building, Room 216/217 for current and former GS employees who are within two months of PCSing back to continental United States. Information presented will include Military Spouse Preference, Priority Placement Program (PPP) counseling, eligibility for noncompetitive appointment under EO12721, and service employment procedures. Advanced sign-up is required to attend. For more information call 253-6828.

Marine Corps Community Services

Filipino Fiesta

All ranks are invited to a Filipino cuisine buffet on Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. in Club Iwakuni dining rooms. The Fil-Am dancers will perform in the Officers' Club at 6 p.m., in the SNCO Club at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at Club Iwakuni. Adults pay \$12.95 (\$10.95 in the Landing Zone), children ages 3-10 pay \$6.50.

TAMP/TAP Seminar

Military personnel and their spouses are encouraged to attend this combination DoD pre-separation briefing and Department of Labor job search seminar between May 29 and June 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up with your career planner.

Blue Phones

The blue phones located at MCCS facilities around the air station are for use with the Military Access prepaid cards only. The phones self-dial the Military Access phone number and therefore cannot be used for other calls.

Chapel Services



Chapel News

(1) Chapel Annex (2) Marine Memorial Center

Roman Catholic

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass (2)
Sunday 9 a.m. Mass (2)

Protestant

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist (1)
Sunday 10 a.m. Church of Christ (2)
10:30 a.m. General Protestant (2)
noon Gospel Service (2)
noon United Pentecostal (2)

Latter Day Saints

Sunday 12:30 p.m. Service (1)

Jewish

Friday 6 p.m. Shabat (2)

Muslim

Friday noon Prayer (1)

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity call the station Chapel at 253-5218. For information on Jewish services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station Chapel.

Sports Briefs

Annual Sports Days

Matthew C. Perry Elementary School annual Sports Days will be held on June 4 - 6 at the Parade Field. Volunteers are needed. Call Anne Marie Politi at 253-4118.

Mount Fuji Climb

Sign-up for the Mount Fuji climb (July 26-30) will begin at 5 p.m. on May 25 at ITT office located in the Crossroads Mall. Call 253-3822/377.

Group Golf Lessons

Golf lessons will begin Monday for weekly sessions through September at Torii Pines Golf Course for participants age 10 and older with fee of \$30 (free for E-1 through E-5). Individual sessions are available for \$6, and private instruction is available by reservation for \$20 per half hour. Call 253-3402.

4-in-1 Bowling

The Southside Bowling Center will hold a 4-in-1 tournament at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Entry is \$15, and sign-ups begin at 1:15 p.m. Call 253-4657.

Youth Golf Camp

Youth Golf Camp registration is open until June 11 at the Main Gym front desk for youth ages 8-14. Camp takes place Mondays and Wednesdays 9-11 a.m. Session I is June 18-July 18; session II is July 23-Aug. 27. Call 253-3239.

Marina Open

The MCCA Marina is open weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sailboats rent for \$3 and hour; kayaks and sailboards are \$2 an hour. Call 253-3822 weekdays, 253-3691 during marina opening hours.

The Scoreboard

Crime Prevention Adult and Youth Golf tournament

May 12

(Team)

1. Scott Brunt and Scott Brunt Jr.
2. John and Jason Stroup
3. John Robins and Kody Hopwood

(Individual)

1. Takuo Tamai
2. Yoshimi Uemura
3. Chuck Hill



Beat the heat in air station swimming pools

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay
Torii Teller Staff

The Northside Outdoor pool is no more, but there are still plenty of swimming opportunities this summer aboard the air station.

"The Northside pool was old, wasn't being used that much, and wasn't cost effective to operate and maintain," said Atsushi Kaita, Aquatics program coordinator. "We had to pay a life guard to be on duty there, but there wasn't really anyone swimming."

Residents can still take advantage of the Main Outdoor pool, Club Iwakuni's pool, and the Main Indoor pool.

"The three pools we have are a lot more popular, and people really seem to take advantage of them," said Kaita.

Both the Club Iwakuni pool and the Main Outdoor pool now offer private outdoor pool parties for birthday parties, unit functions, farewells or just plain fun. The pools can be rented in two-hour blocks after normal operating hours, and lifeguards are provided.

The Main Outdoor pool opens Memorial Day weekend and will close Labor Day weekend. It is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from noon until 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

The Main Indoor pool is open year round from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays and holidays. It is closed for maintenance on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Club Iwakuni's pool is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

For more information on the air stations pools and the variety of swimming activities available, contact aquatics at 253-4966.



photo by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz

Seaman Apprentice Brandon Johnston carries one of the children to the pool's edge.

Baseball brings cultures together

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay
Torii Teller Staff

Though he's without a doubt the most famous, the Seattle Mariner's Ichiro Suzuki isn't the only Japanese baseball player taking swings against American pitchers.

That's because three local youth baseball teams, Rijyo, Okayama and Hiroshima, recently came to the air station to take part in a cultural exchange baseball bonanza against the A's and the Yankees.

"We are very excited to visit the base and play against the Americans," said Hiroshi

Yamaguchi, Japanese Little League commissioner, Chugoku area. "A lot of our players wouldn't have the opportunity to see and play against Americans if it wasn't for these cultural exchange games."

The games, played simultaneously on Monzen Field and the Main Field, weren't about winning or losing.

"These games are in the spirit of friendship," said Lt. Col. William Grace, H&HS Executive officer. "Coaches get to meet other coaches, players get to meet other players, and it helps both sides improve their knowledge of each other's culture through baseball."

Bobby Brown, Semper Fit athletic director,

agreed with Grace's assessment of these games.

"These games are about making new friends and understanding one another better through baseball," said Brown. "Our kids leave with memories, pictures, names and addresses which will hopefully lead to lasting friendships."

Teams from the air station will also play games in Osaka and Hiroshima as part of the cultural exchange.

"This baseball exchange is great for the kids," said Brian Wilson, Youth Sports coordinator. "It's like a big morale boost for both sides."

Players from both nations expressed their excitement over the games.

"I can't wait to play off-base in Japan," said Christian Groeschel, Yankees shortstop. "I like playing against the Japanese and they like playing against us."

"The baseball is the same, but it's a different feeling somehow," said Rijyo first baseman Yuki Kuremachi. "More butterflies, I think."

Regardless of the extra "butterflies," A's coach John Evancho says baseball is a common ground for both countries.

"Both sides don't look the same and don't speak the same, but baseball is still the same," said Evancho. "Balls are balls and strikes are strikes no matter where you are in the world."

LEFT: Though this A's player was called out at the plate, the score's weren't really an issue in the cultural exchange games. Friendship was.



photos by Cpl. Joe Lindsay

Members of Hiroshima's Little League team salute A's coach John Evancho as they take to

Monzen Field before their game aboard the air station May 12.